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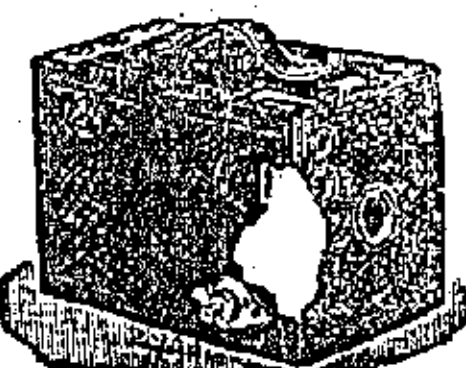
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BIRTH.

On 10th January, at No. 2, East Terrace, Kowloon, the wife of H. W. NORONHA, of twins (girls). [225]

MARRIAGE.

On 10th January, at Hongkong, ERNET TRUSCH, I.M.C. Leppa, to ELIZABETH, second daughter of FRANCIS MORRISON, Aberdeen, Scotland. [226]

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DES VUEX ROAD CH.
LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.
HONGKONG, JANUARY 12TH, 1905.

The publications of the statistics department of the Chinese Imperial Customs are usually as lucid as they are interesting, and in his "Inquiry into the Commercial Liabilities and Assets of China in International Trade," which publication we have just received, Mr. H. B. MORSE, the statistical secretary, has succeeded in maintaining the standard of these familiar "yellow backs." Beginning with what is called the "adverse balance" of trade, derived by comparing import returns with exports, some simple calculations based on a ten years' table given show that China's exports have increased Hk. Tls. 91,515,080, or more than one-third of the present value. Imports have increased Hk. Tls. 170,884,227, or considerably more than fifty per cent. The fact that imports are now a third greater in value than the exports is considered to be an anomaly, and the inquiry is directed to explaining it. When imports overbalance exports, the layman is minded to assume that either the means or the credit of the nation are or is good; but statistical secretaries are made uneasy by anything that appears anomalous. In China's case there appears to be no doubt as to her means. We are told that the Government "has not allowed any hesitation in demonstrating its ability to make the periodic payments when due." There is too much weight sometimes attached to mere figures, which, according to the way they are presented, may show results either

good or ill, as we have seen in the rival statistics published in connection with the tariff agitation at Home. In this inquiry the position is further weakened by the necessarily incomplete returns dealing with the movements of treasure. It is pointed out that foreign enclaves, whether ceded or leased, must be taken into account by such an examination into the condition of commercial China, owing to the interdependence of trade and the banks. "The proceeds of sale of a consignment of cotton yarn for consumption in China may be applied to cash a bill drawn for a foreign navy, whether the expenditure of the latter is to be made at Kiaoohow or at Chefoo," and a Canton trade transaction involves a corresponding banking transaction at Hongkong. As there are no available statistics of the movement of treasure in and out of Hongkong, to cover the financing of South China's share of international exchange, it is evident that no such inquiry can be productive of results as complete as are to be desired. Doubt may also be cast upon the trustworthiness of some of the statistics acquired, as there is no authority, under extra-territorial conditions, to compel accurate returns. All these points are fully admitted, and the present report is presented as "the nearest to the truth that can be attained." The net result of it is that China, with an estimated liability of Hk. Tls. 423,734,993, and estimated assets Hk. Tls. 424,751,694, is, commercially speaking, paying her way. One of the items set under liabilities is that of net profits of foreigners remitted to home countries, estimated at sixteen millions of Hailwan taels. If this be considered excessive, we are asked to remember that no amount has been included to represent the net profits earned in China for banks having their head offices elsewhere. Coming to assets, exports and imports *vis* the land frontiers are not recorded, but it is estimated that the exports preponderate in value by four million taels. The most interesting item is the amount set down as remitted or brought to China by Chinese emigrants, *viz.* seventy-three millions. This estimate is, however, to represent the minimum. Twenty-seven millions are set down to expenditure on railway and mining development, and it is pointed out that with regard to railway development, China's liability is all in the future—even interest being now paid out of capital—and that the money so spent must be regarded as a commercial asset of the Empire. Foreign travellers are supposed to spend six millions in China, but that, of course, must be mere guesswork. Reverting to the item already mentioned, that of foreigners' profits sent Home, we quote in extenso the following interesting details:—

Among the elements disturbing any calculation are the following: All Foreigners are not thrifty as are the Chinese; many invest their savings in China; much that would otherwise be saving is sent for the support of children and dependent relatives; it happens sometimes that widows and their families remain in China; while some men regularly invest at home, others as regularly invest in China; etc. On the other hand, it is generally true that Foreigners return home, and, sooner or later, take their savings with them. In the absence of precise information we must, however, assume a basis of calculation, and that least open to hostile criticism will be the following:—(a.) Most Foreigners invest their monetary savings, while in China, in real estate here, or in local enterprises—shares or debentures. (b.) Against the savings of those who do not do so, but regularly remit capital home, may be put as offset the holdings of Chinese in Treaty port real estate and in the shares of local companies. (c.) Though local investments may be held out here temporarily, sooner or later they are remitted either as annual income or as realised capital of those who have left China. (d.) On these grounds the sum total of:—(i.) Net rentals from real estate in the various ports, and (ii.) Dividends of all local companies (including the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank) may be taken as fairly representing the remitted savings of Foreigners in China. Here, as under other headings, we must take Hongkong as essentially a part of commercial China. On this basis we find:—Shanghai net rentals, Hk. Tls. 4,500,000; Hongkong, Hk. Tls. 2,500,000; Other ports, Hk. Tls. 2,000,000; Dividends of joint stock companies and interest on debentures (Shanghai Stock Exchange), Hk. Tls. 7,000,000; Total, Hk. Tls. 16,000,000.

In these details is not included the profit earned in China by banks other than the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation; nor is allowance made for losses on investments in, e.g., cotton mills.

Yesterday's plague return shows two Chinese cases, both fatal.

Bad colds are common in Hongkong just now, the weather-man's quick changes being responsible.

Mr. Justice Smith being still indisposed yesterday no public proceedings were conducted at the Supreme Court.

A North China journal has just apologised for reporting that a marriage service had been performed by a clergyman who "died some time ago."

Shanghai wines and other luxuries are meeting a fair market in Manchuria, the Russian soldiers being large purchasers. They also buy Japanese goods.

The usual tribute of the 'Nine White' has reached Peking from one of the Mongolian princes. It consists of 1 white camel and 8 white Mongolian horses.

The Korean Minister at Peking, who has been ordered home, wires that he cannot go until the Government sends him his overdue salary that he may pay his bills.

On the 25th March next nine members of the local Police Force will take a trip Home on leave. On the 6th of the following month, a further eight members will go.

Last evening members of the Hongkong Chess Club assembled at Café Weismann, their new meeting place, for the first time. About twenty were present. Hitherto the matches have been held at the City Hall Library.

The Russian soldiers are martyrs, says a Tokyo Japanese, but in losing they are really winning freedom for their children. If Russia had swept Japan from Korea and destroyed her fleet, the head of despotism in Russia would never have been bent.

The driver of a cargo truck who collided with a ricksha coolie in Queen's Road on Tuesday last was brought before Mr. F. A. Hazeland at the Police Court yesterday. He was fined \$5 for being on the wrong side of the road, and a further \$10 for negligent driving.

Sport & Gossip tells a story of the Shanghai Gun Club, in which the wife of the Chinese caretaker suddenly crossed the line of fire. Members shouted to the shooter to warn him, and the groundsman, flustered by the fuss, was heard to remark "Muskee! That's long my wife."

Among the more tasteful mementoes submitted, that of Messrs. Greger & Co., wine merchants, must be included. The printer has appropriated the advantage that simplicity affords, and the white embossed medallion is very effective. The name of the firm is in red on a ground of pretty green.

The *Peking Times* states that on the chief eunuch Li Lien-ying's 60th birthday some three weeks ago hundreds of princes and high officials flocked to his residence to pay tribute to the all powerful one, and at the time of the Emperor Dowager's birthday as well as his own, it is estimated he must have received millions of taels "cunsha."

We thought His Excellency Major-General Villiers Hutton had, in a list of books recommended in an excellent article on sport, in the *V.R.C. Magazine*, overlooked the book familiarly cited as "Stonehenge." It is, however, his opinion "that Stonehenge can no more be compared to Blaise or to the Badminton magazine than cockles to oysters."

A shop collapsed at Kan Yee Fong, just behind No. 5 Police Station, at 10.30 o'clock yesterday morning. The building, which is Government property, was being pulled down when the collapse occurred. Two workmen were injured, one seriously. Both were taken to the Government Civil Hospital. Others were entombed, but were excavated, before the Police, under Chief Inspector Baker, arrived on the scene.

Mr. H. Gottwaldt, of the German Consular Service, writing of Chinese emigration, remarks that in 1899, according to the statistics of the Protector of Chinese at Singapore, 5,514 Chinese women arrived at Singapore alone from China; in 1900 it is estimated that 7,700 such women left Hongkong, Amoy, and Swatow for the Southern Seas. The difference between the prices realisable at Hongkong and Singapore is put at \$100 to \$200.

The Rev. Wm. Bridle reminds us that the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home in Arsenal Street is not flush of funds. About twelve thousand sailors slept there last year. It is for the use of all the men wearing the King's uniform, irrespective of creed or church. There is a debt of \$1,500 "owing to unfortunate but necessary sanitary improvements." The band of the *Fuerst Bismarck* gives a concert in aid on Saturday.

Right up to the end of December, our Russophil Tientsin contemporary, the *Review*, continued to show how impossible it was that Port Arthur could fall. On the 27th it was offering, for fifty cents, a map showing that the real defences of the fortress "had not been touched."

"He 'held out' gamely in the past, Port Arthur's brave defender; But had to 'hold out' at the last, The white flag of surrender."

TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.]

LANDSLIP AT DOVER.

LONDON, 11th January.

There has been a remarkable landslide at Dover, due to the disintegrating influences of the severe weather. It is computed that a quarter of a million tons of the "white cliffs of Old England" disappeared in this latest rush.

AMBASSADOR CHOATE RETIRING.

LONDON, 11th January.

Joseph Hodges Choate, the popular and gifted ambassador of the United States to Great Britain, is relinquishing his post in the Spring.

Ambassador Choate is 73 years old this month. He is a Harvard man, and Cambridge also. He was one of the original "Seventy Committee," which overthrew the Tweed Ring in 1871 and expelled from the Bench its corrupt judges. Englishmen remember the sensible way in which he kept his head when Anglo-American relations were strained a few years ago.

AUSTRALIA AND THE EX-COLONIAL SECRETARY.

LONDON, 11th January.

Mr. Chamberlain has written that he must decline the invitation to visit Australia. He did not despair of tariff reform, which was bound to come.

DOUMER PRESIDENT CHAMBER.

LONDON, 11th January.

M. Paul Doumer, late Governor General of French Indo China, has been elected President of the Chamber of Deputies.

THE WAR.

["DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.]

RUSSIA'S AUXILIARY ARMADA.

LONDON, 11th January.

Admiral Botrovsky's division has arrived at Port Said.

KAISER'S IMPERIAL ADMIRALTY OF PLUCK.

LONDON, 11th January.

H.M. the German Emperor, to signify his admiration of the bravery exhibited by both sides at Port Arthur, has awarded the Order of Merit to General Stoessel and General Nogi.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

RUSSIA.

LONDON, 9th January.

The wave of popular emotion first caused in St. Petersburg by the surrender of Port Arthur has already subsided; the Russian Christmas created a diversion, and the public have been joyously celebrating it at the theatres, music halls, restaurants and taverns. On the other hand, solemn funeral services for the fallen at Port Arthur, held in the Isaac and Kazan Cathedrals, were poorly attended.

MORE BALTICS.

LONDON, 9th January.

Reuter's correspondent in St. Petersburg wires that the following warships will leave Libau between 21st instant and the 2nd February to join Admiral Rozhdestvensky. The battleship *Imperator Nikolai I.*, the coast defence ironclads *General Admiral Apraxin*, the *Admiral Sinavin*, the *Admiral Ouskoff*, and the cruiser *Vladimir Monomach*.

THE TRIPLE EXECUTION.

At eleven minutes past five yesterday morning, Charles Smith, Erik Hogman, and William Nason expiated the crimes of which they were found guilty, and on account thereof condemned to death. The authorities are reticent on matters appertaining to the execution, and all our representative could glean from the Superintendent of the goal was that the men admitted the justice of the sentence, and walked boldly on to the scaffold.

From other sources, which may be questionable, we learn that Smith and Hogman walked boldly on to the scaffold, while Nason broke down and had to be supported to the drop. It is alleged that the last words of Smith were "Lord have mercy on my soul. May God bless you all." Hogman in a dull voice repeated over and over again "My God. My God." Nason is alleged to have made a lengthy statement which was taken down by the Superintendent of the goal. One of the clergymen present, it is said, was so impressed with the terrible scene that he broke down and wept.

THE INQUEST.

At 12 o'clock noon in the large court, before Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz sitting as Coroner, the following jury were sworn in to deliver a verdict as to the cause of death:—Messrs T. Spafford, John Johnston and Henry C. Sandford. After administration of the juror's oath, the jury together with Press representatives went into the goal and viewed the bodies of the deceased. "Well, gentlemen of the jury, are you satisfied?" asked the Coroner. The gentlemen of the jury expressed themselves satisfied and returned to their seats in Court.

The Coroner, addressing them, said that when a person dies in goal from capital punishment, it is provided by law that an inquiry shall be held. In the case of an execution by legal process, the case comes under what is known as justifiable homicide. The Coroner then read as follows from volume 3 of "Russell on Crime"—

"It has been already stated that justifiable homicide is of several kinds, as it may be occasioned by the performance of acts of unavoidable necessity, or by acts done by the permission of the law. Amongst the acts of unavoidable necessity may be classed the execution of malefactors, by the person whose office obliges him, in the performance of public justice to put those to death who have forfeited their lives by the laws and verdict of their country. These are acts of necessity, and even of civil duty, and therefore, not only justifiable, but commendable, where the law requires them. But the law must require them, otherwise they are not justifiable; and, therefore, wantonly to kill the greatest of malefactors would be murder; and we have seen that all acts of official duty should, in the nature of their execution, be conformable to the judgment by which they are directed."

The first witness was Edward John Pierpoint, who deposed:—I am chief warden of Victoria Gaol. The bodies the jury have just viewed are those of Charles Smith, Erik Hogman and William Nason, who were received into prison on 23rd December, 1904, under sentence of death, which sentence was duly carried out at eleven minutes past five this morning in the presence of Mr. Craig, Assistant Superintendent of Victoria Gaol, Dr. Thomson, Medical Officer, myself, and the usual escort of officers, also the Rev. J. H. France and Rev. W. Bridle. I produce the Governor's warrant for the execution.

In reply to the Coroner:—"The sentence of the law was carried out effect by hanging."

John Christopher Thomson said:—I am medical officer of the goal. I was present at the execution this morning. Death in all three cases was instantaneous. I examined the bodies after they were taken down. Death was in all three due to dislocation of the neck.

The Coroner, addressing the jury, said:—Gentlemen of the jury, you have to find whether deceased met their deaths by hanging, in due process of law.

The Foreman of the Jury: That is the verdict of the jury, your Worship.

TRAINING NOTES.

The ponies show a marked improvement. Messrs. Creighton and Edmondston, Shanghai jockeys, were on the course during yesterday morning's training. Some of the times were as follows:—

Mr. Johnston's sub, 1 mile—38.1, 1.14, 1.43.
Mr. MacDonald's sub, 1 mile—38.1, 1.13.
Mr. Mody's Derby grey, 1 mile—32.
Mr. Mody's sub, 1 mile—39.1, 1.14, 1.44, 2.22.
Mr. Jupp's sub, 1 mile—38.1, 1.14, 1.43.
Mr. Cruickshank's sub, 1 mile—39.1, 1.20, 1.54.
Mr. Pott's chestnut sub, and Mr. Ede's sub, in company—1 mile, 34.1, 1.10, 1.44.
Mr. Kadoorie's Derby, 1 mile—35.1, 1.15, 1.52 1/5.
Mr. Mumford's sub, and H.E. the Governor's sub, in company, 1 mile—41.1, 1.21, 1.55, 2.30.
A grey pony, Mr. Edmondston up, 1 mile—33.1, 1.16.
Mr. Moxon's derby griffin, 1 mile—31.1.
Coke Walk, 1 mile—35.1.
Ca. Cauby, 1 mile—32.
Messrs. Sutherland & Co.'s chestnut, 1 mile—33.
Beancake, 1 mile—34.
Mr. Pott's cream sub, 1 mile—38.1, 1.09.
Mr. Goetz's sub, 1 mile, 38.1, 1.11.

Another gallant attempt to rescue a coolie from drowning was made by Dr. Rome of the *s.s. Cranley* in the harbour on Tuesday last. The Doctor was conversing with two other medical men when an uproar was heard amongst the coolies on board. On going to the companion way Dr. Rome noticed a coolie struggling in the water. Quickly divesting himself of his clothes he leaped from the ship to his assistance. He was successful in getting the coolie on board, but all the efforts of the three medical men to induce respiration were unavailing.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

On Monday night an elderly man named James Douglas, who during a lengthy residence in Hongkong has had a somewhat chequered career, fell downstairs at his home in Lee Yuen Street. He was picked up in an unconscious condition and taken to his rooms, the Chinese supposing that he was under the influence of drink. As he had not recovered consciousness by the morning, however, he was taken to the Government Civil Hospital, where Dr. Bell instantly perceived that the man was suffering from fracture of the skull and was not likely to live many hours. As a matter of fact, he died in five hours, and was buried yesterday.

HONGKONG REGATTA.

MANILA BOAT CLUB.

The Manila Boat Club has practically accepted Hongkong's offer to compete at the forthcoming Hongkong Regatta—that is, if four men can get away. Answers have not yet been received from Shanghai and Singapore. Inter-port four-oar races will be limited to one crew from each port, as there would be no room for more boats, otherwise heats would have to be rowed off previously.

Quite a number of boats are entering for the Governor's Cup race, including, it is said, the Royal West Kent Regiment, the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company and Cadets. The rowing course, a mile in length, will be from Kellat's Island to near the Oil Pier.

A Sub-Committee has been chosen—Messrs. F. W. L. Warr, G. A. Caldwell and C. H. Gale—to arrange the crews in the Junior Fours race. Those entitled to enter are rowers who are not rowing in the Interport events or cases Governor's Cup.

The *China Mail* has presented a Cup to be sailed for by members of the Corinthian Yacht Club. This will be an additional event over a course of about seven miles.

It is proposed to hold the sailing races on Monday, the 6th proximo—China New Year falling on the 4th proximo. This, however, has not been definitely settled. The other events will take place on Saturday, the 11th proximo.

FOOTBALL.

H.K.F.C. v. BATTLESHIPS.

At Happy Valley this afternoon Hongkong Football Club Rugby players will be matched against a team drawn from British battleships in port, kick-off being at a quarter to five. The following will play for the Club—J. A. F. Bouchier, back; A. S. Kempthorne, J. Thomson, G. D. Bateman and Lieut. Hannay, three-quarters; H. Soper and J. P. Jordan, halves; E. O. Hutchinson, Lieut. Ranking, Lieut. Macdonald, Lieut. Duncan, J. C. Steen, G. C. Bailey, D. B. Murray and H. F. Chard (Capt.), forwards.

H.K.C.C. v. A.O.C.

This match was played at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon. The teams were as follows:—H.K.C.C. "A"—H. C. Gray, goal; F. C. Hall and A. Loureiro, backs; H. Austin, R. Anderson and E. F. Aucutt, halves; C. Humphreys, H. S. Kenneth, H. H. Taylor, E. O. Davies and H. W. Sayer, forwards.

A.O.C.—Reid, goal; Brown and Bradford, backs; Smith, Gibson and Shepherd, halves; Griffiths, Jones, Le Grove, Collins and Bodell, forwards.

Hongkong kicked off with ten men. Brown turning up just after the first goal had been scored. Ordinance got well away at the start. Grove, taking a free kick, made a good shot at goal, but Gray saved and Humphreys gaining possession in midfield scored at close quarters for the Club. Hongkong kept up the pressure, and but for some good kicking by Brown at back would have scored again. Fifteen minutes from the start Humphreys notched another point after some scrambling play in front of goal. Collins scored for the A.O.C. racing from the half-way line through the back and past the goal-keeper. Half-time was called soon after with the score standing H.K.F.C. "A," 2; A.O.C., 1. Even play ensued to the finish, the Ordinance having if anything the better of the game. Time was called with the score still at 2-1 for Hongkong "A."

FOOTBALL SHIELD COMPETITION.

The following is the draw for this season's competition:—

FIRST ROUND.

(A) Royal Artillery v. H.M.S. *Glory*.
(B) H.M.S. *Ocean* v. Army Ordnance.
(C) H.M.S. *Tamar* v. H.M.S. *Centurion*.
(D) Naval Yard v. Taihook F.C.
(E) H.M.S. *Vengeance* v. Royal West Kents.
(F) Hongkong Club v. V.R.C.
(G) Royal Engineers v. H.M.S. *Amphitrite*.
Dye—H.M.S. *Albion*.

SECOND ROUND.

1. Winner of (B) v. Winner of (C).
2. Winner of (A) v. Winner of (D).
3. H.M.S. *Albion* v. Winner of (E).
4. Winner of (F) v. Winner of (G).

SEMI-FINAL.

Winner of (2) v. Winner of (1).
(3) v. (4).

The first round to be completed on or before 18th February; the second round on or before 4th March; the semi-final on or before 18th March, and the final on or before 1st April. Kick-off not later than 4.15 p.m.

In the first and second rounds the first named club has choice of ground.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following:—
On the 11th at 11.40 a.m. The barometer has risen at all stations but more particularly in Japan and northern China.
Gradients are rather steep upon the eastern coast and fresh to strong N.E. monsoon will prevail in the Formosa Channel. To the southward they are less steep and moderate to fresh monsoon will prevail in the northern part of the China Sea.
Forecast:—Fresh N.E. winds, fine.

ODD VOLUMES SOCIETY.

LECTURE ON THE POLITICAL FEDERATION OF THE EMPIRE.

Before a fair number of members of this society at the City Hall last evening Mr. E. D. Haskell gave the following lecture on Imperial Federation. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK (chairman), in introducing the speaker, said that the subject on which he was going to lecture had come to increasing prominence during the last 30 years. He was sure all would listen with very great interest to the remarks of the lecturer on the subject.

Mr. HASKELL said—The most dominating subject in the politics of the Empire, and one which will become still more so, is I think undoubtedly that of Imperial Federation,—of closer relations between Great Britain and the Colonies, between the various portions of the Empire—in fact the problem of national unity, using the word national in its broadest Imperial sense. That is a question, of so vast and varied a character, involving immense issues, in which many conflicting opinions and interests must be reconciled, that decades must pass before its complete realization; but one thing is certain—that the trend of events in the Empire, the policy of Britain and the Colonies during the past few years, all tend to show a gradual drawing together—a mutual desire for union—which brings Imperial Federation more into the scope of practical politics, and is leading us step by step towards its realization. Those who have followed the progress of events cannot fail to have been impressed by the steady growth of Imperialism side by side with the growth and development of the Empire, that spirit which to-day dominates the whole nation—the sentiment which desires the union and consolidation of the Empire.

Dwelling in our minds on the great Empire of which we, in this distant outpost, form a part—on its vast extent, its varied populations of every race, creed, and colour, its enormous wealth and resources, and on those great self-governing Colonies and Dependencies of the Empire, each one a powerful State in itself, and all owing allegiance to one Sovereign—we see what immense possibilities lie to our hands, and how essential it is for the continued existence and permanence of the Empire that its integrity must be maintained,—to which all efforts must be directed. In talking about Imperial Federation, we must regard it in the first place, as a federation of the Mother Country and the self-governing Colonies—Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa—leaving aside for the moment the question of the Crown Colonies and other Dependencies.

Now, let us regard for a moment the present relations between Great Britain and those Colonies. I believe it was Lord Rosebery who described those relations as loose and indefinable—and why are they so? Because there is not that which I may call—a material stiffening, a material cohesion, which alone can ensure permanency. The ties of kinship, of loyalty, of common sympathies, which bind the Empire together are the strongest possible, but if to these are added ties of common material interests, we see how much more secure will be the unity of the Empire. If, then, you might ask, if the ties which bind the Empire together are the strongest possible, why all this talk about Imperial Federation, why seek to formulate a scheme for union, when we already have union? It is because, to secure the continuance and permanency of these conditions, by adding to the union of sympathies the union of material interests, and for the defence of those interests. There are some who scoff at the possibility of the disintegration of the Empire. Now, I do not know, and I should not like to think, I am sure, that the disintegration of the Empire would be ever likely to happen; that any of those great self-governing States would break away from the parent stem, to go its own way. But I do think that while we are able, while the conditions are so favourable, that we should grasp the opportunity, and steadily forge those links of the chain of Empire into an unbreakable bond. By what means, then, is the Federation of the Empire proposed to be accomplished?

I do not think that any definite scheme of federation which can be devised can be put into practice at once, but it is rather a gradual, successive steps that the desired end is to be attained. Any attempt to precipitate a Federal Union, before the conditions are ripe for such an event, would, it is not difficult to conceive, be fraught with national disaster.

In all schemes of federation, it must be a fundamentally recognised principle that the self-governing Colonies should maintain their autonomy. No Colony would tolerate for a moment any restriction of its independence in the management of its local affairs, and no scheme therefore which in any way encroaches upon their liberty in this respect would be regarded favourably by the Colonies. The principle aimed at is the union of the Mother Country and the Colonies in a federation, in which each member will have absolute independence in the administration of its local affairs, but that all questions of Imperial interest, affecting the Empire as a whole, would be relegated to an Imperial Council—a sort of joint administration of Imperial affairs. Now, it is just in the formation, the constitution of such a Council, that the crux of the question lies. No one will deny that the principle of admitting the Colonies to the Councils of the Empire, and letting them take part in all deliberations of Imperial policy, is a sound one, and what is needed is an organised Council, in which Colonial and Home Statesmen will be brought together and devote their attention to affairs of Imperial interest. The ideal which suggests itself is the creation of an Imperial Council of Parliament in London, for the whole Empire, in fact as well as in name, containing representatives from all parts of the Empire in proportion

to their size and population, to administer all affairs of a purely Imperial character. To such a body would be relegated all questions of foreign and commercial policy, and other questions of common interest, such as Defence, and so on, and the control of expenditure for purely Imperial purposes. At the same time, each State will possess absolute self-government in local affairs. Such an arrangement would bring together in a common council all those best fitted to advise and deliberate on Imperial affairs, in which representation of all the interests of the Empire would be obtained, and the unity of the Empire would be secured. But as I have said before, and you will readily conceive, it would hardly be expedient to institute such a system all at once. It would necessitate in the first place a complete change in the constitution of Great Britain, a complete revolution in its political system, which would hardly be desirable. Such a Council therefore can only be regarded at the present day as the ultimate goal or object, to which all efforts should be directed, and in the meantime the efforts of Statesmen should be to consider the means, the successive steps, by which this end may be attained. It is thought by some that Colonial representation in the present Home Parliament would meet the case, but a little consideration would show that such a plan is open to grave objections. Besides unduly increasing that already cumbersome body, and multiplying its labours, there would be an unequal and disproportionate representation of Home and Colonial interests, and Colonial interests would hardly be served thereby. The periodical conference of Colonial Statesmen in London has done a great deal towards promoting the consolidation of the Empire, and is a great step towards political unity, by bringing forward the desires and aspirations of the Colonies, and by the interchange of ideas fixing the grounds of a common national policy. But something more substantial, more permanent, is needed, and a plan described by Sir Frederick Pollock in a statement which appeared in the *Times* of some weeks back, has the merit of being a practical one. He proposes the formation of a Committee of the Privy Council for Imperial affairs, including the best possible representatives of Colonial knowledge and opinion. The functions of this body will be of an advisory character, to deliberate on and discuss all affairs of Imperial concern, and lay before the Cabinet—the responsible Ministers of the Crown—the result of their deliberations, and guide them in shaping their policy.

[The speaker here read extracts from Sir Frederick Pollock's letter on the subject.]

Such a committee should serve a very useful purpose, and I think this plan is one which should meet with general favour, and should be submitted, as is suggested, to the next Colonial Conference for discussion. A question which plays an important part in the subject of Federation is that of Defence. Time will not permit me to touch upon it more than very briefly. There is no doubt that as at present constituted, the burden of defence is very unequally distributed. In fact it is almost entirely borne by the Mother Country. In the last Budget of the United Kingdom we see that the figures for the naval and military expenditure amount to some £60,000,000—a little over. Out of that sum, I believe, if I mistake not, some 35 millions were spent on the navy alone. Now the navy is maintained for the protection of the Empire, of its vast sea-borne commerce, the guarding of its ocean waterways. The Colonies derive the same security from the navy as the United Kingdom. Yet the colonial contributions to the naval expenditure are a mere drop in the ocean. It is not at all disparaging to the Colonies to say so; but here again we see the need of some federal system, where the burden would be borne proportionately by all. There are other services, also, of Imperial concern, such as the Consular and Diplomatic services, the maintenance of all of which should be borne by the Empire, and should on Imperial Federal Parliament come into existence, all such votes could be passed by it, and apportioned to each on some basis to be determined beforehand. If we are to share the privileges of Empire, we must be prepared to share some of its burdens, some of its responsibilities. The burden of defence is increasing every year, and pressing more and more heavily on the Mother Country, and is a question capable of a more equitable adjustment.

There is one other question, a most important one—the commercial union of the Empire, which the Fiscal Policy, for which Mr. Chamberlain is so strenuously labouring, is intended to bring about. That question is still in the controversial stage, and the Colonial Conference proposed by Mr. Balfour to consider this question will be welcomed, and the outcome awaited with eager interest. I will not refer to it more than casually, as it does not come within the province of my subject, but just to say this, that no scheme of Imperial Federation will be complete unless side by side with a political, there is a commercial union.

As to the question of the Crown Colonies, there is not much to be said. Colonial history has shown that as a Colony develops and increases in wealth and population, when the conditions were ripe it has obtained self-government, and it is not unreasonable to suppose, nay, it is quite within the bounds of probability, that self-government will be accorded to the Crown Colonies as they become adapted to it, and when they obtain that, they can take their place in the Federal system.

It has often been asserted that a political federation of the Empire would be impracticable, that any attempt to federate the Empire, on the basis of American, Australian, or Canadian federation, would never succeed, that such a federation would be doomed to failure. To

that we can only say that just as it may be deemed impossible to-day, so was the federation of Australia or Canada deemed impossible in its time, yet to-day we see those great communities each united under one central Government. It has often been urged that federation would be impossible, because of the scattered areas of the Empire, the vast distances, the miles of ocean which separate them, but on the other hand we must remember the increasing rapidity of communications, the steamships, and the telegraph, which are bringing the various portions of the Empire more and more in touch with one another. Difficulties there are undoubtedly, but British statesmanship has before now overcome difficulties, as great if not greater. Rome was not built in a day, nor will the federation of the Empire be accomplished in a day. In the meantime, we can draw nearer and nearer towards the goal. The end aim of Imperial Policy should be Federation—for policy, for commerce, for defence—a federation in which the enormous wealth, talent, strength, and resources of the Empire will be combined for the mutual benefit of all, and the lasting permanence of the whole.

Mr. Haskell then proposed the following Resolution:

That in the opinion of this meeting, the plan described by Sir Frederick Pollock, in his letter to the *Times*—viz. the formation of a Committee of the Privy Council on Imperial affairs, consisting of the best possible representatives of Colonial knowledge and opinion, to act in an advisory capacity to the Cabinet, would tend to promote the consolidation of the Empire, and would be a great step towards Imperial Federation, and this meeting endorses the suggestion that such a proposal be submitted to the next Colonial Conference of Prime Ministers for discussion.

Mr. J. DYER BALL in seconding the proposition said: We have to thank the lecturer for bringing the subject before our notice in time, and I only wish the Hongkong community would come out in larger numbers to listen to a question which I think is rather vital to us as colonists; although, as a Crown colony, it would not affect us so much as a self-governing colony if it ever becomes a possible fact. It is not so many years ago that some of England's greatest statesmen wished to cast off her colonies, but now I think it is not only the Mother Country drawing the cords that bind her nearer to her children, but her children also do not wish to let go their mother's apron strings and go off on their own hook. We have now the telegraph wires, like nerves, connecting Great and Greater Britain together, and we may even hope that our desires will be wafted by the winds of the air, by the Marconi system, in time to come. Now is the proper time to request the Mother Country to take some action to draw herself and her colonies closer together.

Sir H. S. BARKLEY said: I wish to thank the lecturer for the extremely able and delicate address given us. The subject is one which I do not feel capable of dealing with at such short notice.

Mr. HURSTHOUSE: I have listened with very considerable interest to the remarks of Mr. Haskell. The subject is one which I confess I know little about; I came here for the express purpose of learning more, and must say I am not disappointed. I quite agree with the remarks of the lecturer that the federation proper must be something on the lines of the German or American Confederations, but there is a vast difference between the American States and the British Empire. The American States have the great advantage of being contiguous; there is a direct incentive towards combination for defence, and when all is said and done, this is the greatest and most material point of all. On the other hand the British Empire is so scattered over the earth's surface—the sun never sets on it, some people say because God is afraid to trust us in the dark—that the mere fact of Australia being attacked by an enemy, does not show that Canada is going to be attacked by the same enemy. Any scheme of imperial federation which is to be of any use must emanate from the colonies themselves; if they do not wish it, then it is useless to attempt to force anything of the sort upon them. I understood the lecturer to say that the colonies wanted federation, but I am sorry to say that at present they do not. There has been a great tendency observable for a long time past towards more complete separation. The colonies prefer purely local government, and a purely local command of their military forces. As regards the Navy the same remarks do not apply, as the colonies know that in time of war it is obviously to the interest of Great Britain to keep open all the great trade routes. I do not think this tendency points towards disloyalty, but with the Canadian or Australian it is—"Canada for the Canadians," and "Australia for the Australians." I hope I am wrong, but I think we must face the possibility of ultimate separation. At any rate, we can welcome anything that will bring the colonies into closer touch with the Home Government.

Mr. H. E. POLLOCK: Personally I think the object of the scheme proposed by Sir Frederick Pollock is a very important one, and important points affecting the colonies can be only arrived at after mature discussion by those who have spent the best parts of their lives there. Mr. Hursthouse made mention of the Boer war, which showed that the colonies were ready and willing to send forth their sons to fight in the cause of the empire. South Africa is also a country which furnishes illustrations of very grave mistakes which have been made in part by the want of appreciation by the authorities at home of the actual condition of affairs which exist on the spot. If the British nation had been able to press forward and voice their own views on the subject, we should never have had such an incident to record in history as the secession

of the Transvaal after Majuba, which led up to the direct cause of the Boer war. Another striking instance is furnished by the American war of secession. The people in Great Britain were in absolute ignorance of the feeling in the colonies with regard to the obnoxious taxes imposed. Had they known, they would have been withdrawn, and our cousins, instead of being separated now as they are politically, would possibly have remained portion of the empire. What is required is for the colonies to inform the authorities at home of the views of those on the spot who have been in actual contact with the practical realities of colonial life. I venture to think that Mr. Hursthouse took rather a despondent view of the relations between the Mother Country and the colonies. The forces levied there are local forces of volunteers, and the colonies should retain military forces. With regard to the Navy, the feeling in the colonies is that the sea is one, and the ships of the empire are considered as one and whole, and more or less as a homogeneous whole. No doubt you have noticed that the Admiralty have formulated a scheme, grouping together the various ships of every part, for homogeneous and concerted action, and that is the reason the Colonies are beginning to see the importance of unity in Naval matters.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LD.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the eighth ordinary general meeting to be held at the office of the general managers on Wednesday, 18th January, is as follows:— Annexed we have the pleasure to lay before shareholders a statement of accounts made up to 31st December, 1904.

The gross earnings for the past year amount to \$132,860 (0), and after deducting all expenses remuneration to general managers, consulting committee's and auditors' fees, there remains a balance of \$106,531.29, which it is recommended be appropriated as follows, viz:—

To place to reserve fund \$25,000.00
To pay a dividend of 8 percent 80,000.00
To carry forward to the credit of next year's account 1,531.29

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.—Mr. J. H. Lewis having left the Colony, Mr. F. P. White was invited to take his place on the consulting committee. In accordance with the articles of association, Messrs. J. S. Van Baren, Chow Hing Kee, Chau Tung Shing, Mr. J. W. Noble and H. P. White retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. A. O'D. Gordin and W. H. Potts, who are recommended for re-election.

The accounts are as follows:—

PROFIT AND LOSS.

Charges	\$ 0
Auditors' fees	5,712.35
Consulting committee fees	4,000.00
Balance of office furniture account written off	200.00
Balance	106,531.29
	\$116,936.64
Balance	\$ 0
Interest received on mortgages	1,171.88
Loans, &c.	132,860.00
Loss interest paid, commission, &c., &c.	17,255.34
Unclaimed dividends written off	250.00
Balance	\$116,936.64

BALANCE-SHEET.

CAPITAL		
Capital 200,000 shares at \$100,000.00	\$ 0	
Less 100,000 shares unissued	1,000,000.00	
Reserve fund	55,000.00	
Sundry creditors	19,022.67	
Due to General Managers	1,641.00	
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp. (deposit)	81,254.05	
Balance of profit and loss	106,531.29	
	\$1,264,401.01	
ASSETS		
Loans on provident system	\$719,563.77	
On mortgages, shares, &c.	317,220.11	
150 China Light and Power Co., Limited 8 per cent. debentures	150,000.00	
Investment of reserve fund	1,350 shares Green Island Cement Co., Ltd. at \$30	\$40,500.00
2,500 shares of the Light Power Co., Ltd. at \$9 (in issue)	22,500.00	
Sundry debtors	63,400.00	
Cash	13,635.99	
	\$1,264,401.01	

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General Managers.

SHIPPING NOTES.

The s.s. *Cranley* is in quarantine with smallpox on board. She has coxies for South Africa. The captain of the s.s. *Oakley* reports that on the 30th ult. he sighted a vessel ashore in the Malacca Straits. It was the *Cydia*. The N.C. Daily News says:—Information was received by the China Merchants Steam Navigation Co. stating that their steamer *King Ling* had run ashore near Roon Forts. Up till late last night efforts to float her had proved unsuccessful. Captain Murray, Marine Superintendent of the Company, is we believe, leaving this morning by the *Tu Tung*, for the scene of the accident to superintend the operations of getting her afloat. The C. M. Coy. have been very unfortunate of late, this being their second steamer to run ashore within a few weeks. The other one it will be remembered was the *Irene*, which met with disaster at Bate's Point, and she has not been refloated yet.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of India* arrived at Yokohama at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, the 10th inst., and left again at 2 p.m. same day for Kobe, where she was due to arrive at 2 p.m. yesterday. The Indo China steamer *Suixing* left Calcutta for Hongkong via the Straits on the 6th inst., and may be expected here on the 25th inst. The steamer *Lightning*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on Tuesday afternoon, and may be expected here on the 16th inst. The steamer *Saint Fillam* left Singapore on the 11th inst. for this port via Manila. The E. & A. steamer *Empire* left Manila yesterday, and may be expected here tomorrow at 1 p.m.

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KOWLOON PIGEON CLUB.

NATURAL MEETING.

The "Kowloon Pigeon Club" was inaugurated by a meeting of bird fanciers, held at the Kowloon Hotel, last evening. Mr. J. D. Logan was in the chair, others present being Messrs. R. David, J. W. Osborne, In Ynk Kwan, G. W. Kynoch, Highby, Coggin, Hirst, Roberts, T. Neve, A. Nicholson, J. Band W.R.M.D. Parr, A. E. Blunco and J. Sibbit. Officers were elected as follows:—President—Mr. J. D. Logan, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. R. David, Committee—Messrs. G. W. Kynoch, Hand and J. Sibbit.

There was some discussion as to whether the Club should be called the Hongkong Pigeon Club, or the Kowloon Pigeon Club. The CHAIRMAN, interrupting, exclaimed: "Ah, call it the Hongkong, Kowloon, and Port Arthur Pigeon Club." (Laughter) Give it the old name, the Kowloon Pigeon Club. (Chorus of hear-hears). Agreed unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN, continuing—In old days we have held our pigeon shows on Saturdays, but we can continue our next, to be held at China New Year, to Sunday, just the same as some people sail yachts on Sunday, and go up to Canton for prize fights. The matter was discussed, some suggesting Sunday would be inconvenient. The CHAIRMAN—Well then it is just as well for the salvation of our souls to hold the show on Monday and Tuesday, the 6th and 7th. (Laughter).

This was carried. The CHAIRMAN—On the first day of the show I am going to put up, all numbered, some birds, perhaps ten, and I will repeat the performance with the same birds on the following day—an unless someone shoots them (Laughter). They are birds I have bred and trained myself. They are not the regulation homers, but crosses—young birds.

It was proposed, seconded, and agreed that Mr. A. Nicholson be appointed Judge. Mr. A. Nicholson—Thank you. And just a word, don't go in for big price birds—breed birds. It is more satisfactory to breed good birds than to pay for them.

A MEMBER—Hear him! he would give a thousand pounds for a good bird if he saw one. Mr. J. Sibbit proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman (Applause). The meeting was also good enough to pass a similar compliment to the *Daily Press* representative.

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

Writing on the 6th inst., the N.C. Daily News said: It will be learnt with general satisfaction that an authentic telegram was received here yesterday from the American-China Development Company in New York, stating that the control of the stock of the Canton-Hankow Railway is again in American hands, the Belgian interests having been bought out. All English and American residents at any rate in China will be glad to hear this, the sale to the Belgians having been a blow to our interests in China, and having had a marked effect particularly on American prestige. The recovery of the control was very markedly assisted by the embargo put on the bonds by the Chinese, who regarded the transfer of the concession to Belgian hands as a breach of faith, and by the sympathetic action of the Department of State at Washington. Arrangements have been made to procure all the capital necessary to complete the line, and to keep the control permanently in American hands, whatever may happen. Thus we have a very satisfactory solution of the difficulties which have lately impeded the operations of the American-China Development Company, and we may expect to see the construction of the important trunk line from Canton to Hankow proceeded with rapidly and energetically. We trust, too, that it will not be many months before work is begun on the English or Anglo-Chinese railway between Kowloon and Canton.

And in its "Native Notes," our contemporary had this:—An Important Intrigue Blocked.—His Excellency Sir Chen-tung Liang Ch'ing, K.C.M.G., Chinese Minister at Washington, does not well of his countrymen by blocking the plans of the Belgians—who are well-known by the Chinese to be acting on behalf of French and Russian capitalists—in getting control of the Yueh-Han, or Canton-Hankow Railway, thereby preventing the forging of more chains and fetters for the body politic of this country, an act which stamps his Excellency at once as an able and clever diplomat. In other words, we learn that Sir Chen-tung by impounding the bonds of the railway in question has made it impossible for the Belgians to get hold of these bonds to place them on the market, in consequence of which they have been compelled to sell them back to the original American Syndicate. This news will doubtless be received with satisfaction by all Chinese and their foreign friends who have the welfare of China sincerely at heart. We heartily congratulate Sir Chen-tung Liang Ch'ing and H. E. Sheng Kung-pao on the able manner in which they have conducted a very delicate and important matter to a successful conclusion.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

AXAX, British str., 4,477, H. E. Batt, 10th Jan.,
—Liverpool and Singapore 5th Jan., General.
—Butterfield & Swire.
ANDROMEDA, British str., 11,000, R. N. Ommamney, 11th Jan.,
—Wellfleet 17th Jan.,
—General.
DEVAYONGSE, German str., 1,657, Gorden,
11th Jan.,
—Bangkok 6th Jan.,
—Rice and
—Meat.
FOOCHOW, British str., 1,359, H. Smale, 11th Jan.,
—Wuhu and Chinkiang 6th Jan.,
—General.
GLENBOY, British str., 3,146, Drake, 10th Jan.,
—London and Singapore 5th Jan., General.
—McGregor Bros. & Co.
HOPKINS, British str., 1,359, H. May, 11th Jan.,
—Samarang 20th Dec.,
—Sugar and Cotton.
JARDINE, British str., 1,143, Miller, 10th Jan.,
—Chinkiang 6th Jan.,
—Rice and
—Oil.
KINTUCK, British str., 2,800, D. Robertson, 11th Jan.,
—Shanghai 11th Jan., General.
—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
KWONG ANG, British str., 1,428, D. Christie, 11th Jan.,
—Shanghai 6th Jan. and Swatow 10th Jan.,
—General.
—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
MAITLAND, German str., 678, G. Schalkier, 10th Jan.,
—Haiphong and Hoihow 9th Jan.,
—General.
—Jensen & Co.
OAKLEY, British str., 2,456, W. Wiseman, 11th Jan.,
—Barry 17th Nov.,
—Coal—Order.
TAKANG, British str., 977, W. P. Baker, 11th Jan.,
—Canton 10th Jan., General.
—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
11th January.
Dorset, British str., for Saigon.
Foonking, British str., for Wuhu.
Haitan, British str., for Swatow.
Hunan, British str., for Canton.
Indragama, British str., for Shanghai.
Kintuck, British str., for Singapore.
Kwangle, Chinese str., for Canton.
Oakley, British str., for Kintuck.
Takeang, British str., for Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.

10th January.
Div. Portuguese gunboat, for Canton.
11th January.
AUSTRALIAN, British str., for Port Darwin.
CALL DIEDERIK HSEK, Ger. str., for Haiphong.
CATHERINE APCAR, British str., for Calcutta.
CHOYANG, British str., for Shanghai.
EMPRESS OF CHINA, British str., for Vancouver.
EIGER, Norwegian str., for Chinkiang.
KAIFONG, British str., for Canton.
MEEFOW, Chinese str., for Canton.
PUNNEA, British str., for Haiphong.
SIGNAL, German str., for Haiphong.
WOBANG, British str., for Canton.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

11th January.
ABERDEEN DOCKS.—Thornie, Tinslan.
KOWLOON DOCKS.—U.S.S. Fathome, Agincourt, Hye, Indragama, U.S.S. Seaward, Shaluck, Ascot, Adamastor, Pawan, Jacob Diederichsen.
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Hongkong, 30th December, 1904. [196]

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LONDON, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL	MAITA	Brit. str.	1 m.	R. A. Peters	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 14th inst., at Noon.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	HYRON	Brit. str.	1 m.	Davis	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 17th inst.
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AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	PLAUCUS	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 14th Feb.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	IPOMENUS	Brit. str.	1 m.	J. D. Andrews, R.N.R.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th Feb.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	PALAWAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	Verron	F. & O. S. N. Co.	About 18th inst.
MARSEILLES, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL	AUTRAHIAN	Frenc. str.	—	G. Meiners	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 24th inst., at 1 P.M.
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	ROON	Ger. str.	—	von Hoff	MELCHERS & CO.	On 18th inst., at Noon.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG	C. F. FERD. LAEISZ	Ger. str.	k. w.	Porcellus	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	To-morrow.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG	AMBRIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Hildebrandt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 21st inst.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG	SITHONIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Förck	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 31st inst.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG	ARCADIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Filler	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 9th Feb.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Lüding	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 21st Feb.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG	SAMBIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Behrens	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 7th Mar.
HAMBURG & HAMBURG	RHENANIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Tomanovich	SANDER, WIRLER & CO.	On 21st Mar.
TRIESTE, &c. VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CHINA	Brit. str.	1 m.	Edmondson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 25th inst., P.M.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	HECTOR	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 26th inst.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	CRYDON	Brit. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 14th inst.
NEW YORK	KAR ISSA	Brit. str.	—		ANNHOLD, KARBURG & CO.	About 30th inst.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	CHAZEE	Brit. str.	—		SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	About 25th inst.
NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	SENECA	Brit. str.	—		STANDARD OIL CO.	About 25th inst.
NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	TARTAR	Brit. str.	1 m.		CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 26th inst.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	EMPRESS OF INDIA	Brit. str.	2 m.		DODWELL & CO. LIMITED.	On 28th Feb.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	TRIMONT	Brit. str.	—	T. W. Garlick	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 19th inst.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA JAPAN	IYO MARU	Brit. str.	—	S. J. G. Parsons	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 27th inst., at 4 P.M.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & SEATTLE, WASH., &c.	TYDEUS	Brit. str.	1 m.	Brehmer	PORTLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	On 27th inst.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & SEATTLE VIA NAGASAKI, &c.	NUMANTIA	Brit. str.	1 m.	Holmes	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 23rd inst., at Daylight.
PORTLAND, OREGON	EMPIRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	C. Waltemas	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 8th Feb., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	EMPIRE	Brit. str.	1 m.		MELCHERS & CO.	Quick despatch.
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YOKOHAMA & KOBE	DENBIGHSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	W. A. Evans	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	Quick despatch.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TULAJAP	Dut. str.	—	Stunkel	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	To-day, at 4 P.M.
JAPAN VIA SHANGHAI	CANTON	Brit. str.	—	G. W. Cockman, R.N.R.	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	To-day, at Noon.
SHANGHAI	PALMA	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.
SHANGHAI	KWANGYANG	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 14th inst.
SHANGHAI	SZICHUEN	Brit. str.	1 m.		P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 15th inst.
SHANGHAI	SIMLA	Brit. str.	—	A. Hansen	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 18th inst., at Daylight.
SHANGHAI	TRIUMPH	Jap. str.	—	H. A. Haraldsen	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 15th inst., at Daylight.
SHANGHAI	FRIBERG	Jap. str.	—	T. Brandt	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 22nd inst., at Daylight.
SHANGHAI	M. STURVE	Jap. str.	—	Roch	DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO.	To-day, at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI	HAITAN	Brit. str.	2 h.	Hodgins	DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO.	To-morrow, at 11 A.M.
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SHANGHAI	LOONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	R. W. Almond	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 14th inst., at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI	TURI	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 17th inst.
SHANGHAI	TAKANG	Brit. str.	—	R. Rodger	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 21st inst., at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI	ZAVIRO	Brit. str.	—	E. Muhle	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI	BORNEO	Ger. str.	—	Zwart	MELCHERS & CO.	About 18th inst.
SHANGHAI	TIJIPANAS	Dut. str.	—		JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	On 18th inst., at 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	NAMANG	Brit. str.	—		JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	To-morrow, at Noon.
SHANGHAI	ISCHIA	Ital. str.	—	Maganzini	CARLOWITZ & CO.	To-morrow, at Noon.

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	R. A. Peters	January	
SHANGHAI	SIMLA	About 15th Jan.	Freight and Passage.
	F. R. Summers	January	
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP DIRECT VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	PALAWAN	About 18th Jan.	Freight and Passage.
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PRINCESS ALICE	WEDNESDAY 15th March
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ARCADIA (HAYRE and HAMBURG)	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	On 9th Feb. Freight.
ANDALUSIA (HAYRE and HAMBURG)	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	On 21st Feb. Freight.
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